



Senate

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File No. 450

Senate Bill No. 1069

Senate, April 7, 2011

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH CERTIFICATE FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-74 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The fee for a certification of birth registration, short form, shall
4 be fifteen dollars. The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of birth,
5 long form, shall be twenty dollars, except that the fee for such
6 certifications and copies when issued by the department shall be thirty
7 dollars.

8 (b) The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of marriage or death
9 shall be twenty dollars. Such fees shall not be required of the
10 department.

11 (c) The fee for one certified copy of a certificate of death for any
12 deceased person who was a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of

14 spouse, child or parent of such deceased veteran.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-74
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VA *Joint Favorable C/R* PH

PH *Joint Favorable C/R* PD

PD *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Public Health, Dept.	GF - Potential Revenue Loss	less than 10,000	less than 10,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Revenue Loss	less than 10,000	less than 10,000

Explanation

The bill results in a potential revenue loss of less than \$10,000 annually to the Department of Public Health (DPH) and various municipalities. It waives the fee for one certified copy of a veteran's certificate of death for the spouse, child, or parent of that veteran. Under CGS Sec. 7-74, the cost for a certified copy of a death certificate is \$20. The potential revenue loss assumes a maximum of 500 such waivers issued annually, based on the number of veteran deaths as a percentage of total state deaths, and the number of certified copies of death certificates issued by DPH. It is unknown how many individuals will request this waiver from DPH and various municipalities.

The Out Years

The ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of death certificate fee waivers issued.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1069*****AN ACT CONCERNING DEATH CERTIFICATE FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill waives the \$20 fee for one certified copy of a veteran's death certificate when the deceased veteran's spouse, child, or parent requests a copy. By law, anyone age 18 or older may pay \$20 for a copy of a death certificate from the municipality where the death occurred or the Department of Public Health's State Office of Vital Records. By law, a "veteran" is an individual honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active service in the U.S. armed forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/08/2011)

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/21/2011)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/23/2011)